

## WOMAN AND CHILD JUST MISS DEATH IN FIREBUG BLAZE

Mrs. William Fuhrer Carries  
Baby Down a Burning Stair-  
way in Elmhurst.

HUSBAND SAVES GIRLS.

Owner of Burned Building Be-  
lieves the Fire Was Started  
for Revenge.

The wife of William Fuhrer and his youngest child had a thrilling escape early today from death in a fire that destroyed Fuhrer Park, a hotel, dance hall and picnic pavilion in Elmhurst, L. I. The Fuhrers, their two daughters, five sons and eight employees were all asleep when the fire started. All got out safely except Benjamin Lent, an employee, who is missing, and is believed to have been burned to death. The fire is believed to have been set by revengeful enemies of Mr. Fuhrer, members of a tough east side club.

When Fuhrer woke he ran out into the hall and found that it was filled with smoke. Puffs of flame were coming up from the lower floor, though the stairway itself was not burning.

**Rescues Two Girls.**  
He ran back into the room, followed by one of his bartenders who had met him in the hall. He took his two little girls in his arms, told the man and Mrs. Fuhrer to drop the other children down to him after he had jumped. Then he leaped from the window, two stories above the ground. He landed on his feet and sprained one ankle, but the little girls kept their arms around his neck and were not even jarred.

Mrs. Fuhrer and the bartender dropped one of the boys down to him. The fire was roaring and he believed that it would sweep into the bedroom in another minute.

"Take Fritz and the baby in your arms and jump," he called to his wife. "Jump the way I did. I'll catch you as that you won't get hurt."

Mrs. Fuhrer did not dare to jump, even if she had climbed on the window sill. Before the bartender could stop her she got back into the room. With the baby in one arm and dragging another child by the arm, she ran out into the hall and started screaming down the stairs, which were now burning. The man made a vain effort to follow her but lost his way in the smoke which thickened into a wall. After she opened the door. He ran to the window and jumped out of Fuhrer.

**Cling to the Baby.**  
When he heard what his wife had done Fuhrer ran around the house to the door. He was met there by his wife, her skirt burning and the baby in her arms. She was supported by the watchman and another employee who had run up the stairs to meet her when they heard her screaming. She had given up little Fritz to them but would not give up the baby.

Alarms had been sent to Corona and Astoria for fire engines. The Astoria engine got bogged in a characteristic Queens street slough and did not reach the fire. The Corona engine could do little more than cool off the ruins.

The resort, which was one of the biggest in Queens and included carrouseis and a scenic railway, was burned to the ground. Fuhrer estimates his loss at \$50,000.

**For Revenge, He Says.**

He informed the police that recently an east side social club which had a party at the park last year tried to engage it again. He told them he would have nothing to do with them as they had destroyed a lot of his crockery and glassware and had made a scandal by their fighting and bad language. His wife was a family resort and such conduct spoiled his steady business which was the entertainment of respectable women and their children.

The club officers were angry over his refusal, saying that they had already advertised the meeting at his place and swore they would "get square" with him.

## EXPRESS COMPANIES LOSE.

Lacombe Refuses to Restrict City From Forcing Drivers' License.

Judge Lacombe in formal orders filed today in the United States Circuit Court denied the applications of William M. Barnett, President of the Adams Express Company; Wells, Fargo & Co. and Edward T. Platt, treasurer of the United States Express Company, for interlocutory injunctions restraining the city of New York, Mayor Gaynor and Police Commissioner Crosey from enforcing the city ordinance requiring drivers and express wagons to be licensed.

The motions are denied, "without prejudice to the renewal of the said motion before final hearing upon new proofs showing irreparable injury to complainant."

## POLES SNAP AND CARS STOP.

Whens Fall With Them and Ohio People Are Forced to Walk.

AKRON, O., Dec. 30.—Street car service on all lines in Akron and all lines connecting with nearby towns is at a standstill today. Not until the Northern Ohio Traction and Light Company, which operates every electric line in and entering the city, can erect new wire poles to take the place of two dozen on South Main street, which collapsed last night, will transportation be resumed. A cold wave and snowstorm swept Ohio last night contracted the wires, causing twenty-four poles to snap off and fall. The power was shut off.

## School Savings Banks Teach Children Thrift as a Practical Study

Aggregate Weekly Deposits in  
One School Alone Are \$125,  
and Founder Thiry Says the  
Inculcation of Industry and  
Economy Is Proving Its Value.

By Ethel Lloyd Patterson.

"The habits of the child are the character of the man."  
"At the age of twenty-six the character is formed."  
"Moral principles must be inculcated with grammar, arithmetic and the primer page."

These are the beliefs that caused John H. Thiry of Long Island City to found the first school savings bank in 1885. A few days ago Superintendent of Schools William H. Maxwell, member of the Board of Education, recommended that Mr. Thiry's savings bank system be established in every school in this city.

"Of course I am pleased that Mr. Maxwell should do this," said Mr. Thiry. "I have worked hard to make the system a success, but, after all, every one must have a hobby of some kind if he wants to keep out of mischief."

**School Bank His Hobby.**  
"The school savings bank has been my hobby, and I would feel very sorry to see it in operation throughout the country. I am sure, very sure, the idea would meet with the co-operation of the scholars. Just here, around the corner from me, there is a school with 1,500 pupils. An average of \$125 is deposited every Monday morning."

We were seated in the library of Mr. Thiry's home at No. 181 Academy street, and before him on a table was a pile of books and papers from which he had been compiling statistics. His gold-rimmed spectacles were slipped well down his nose, the better to focus the figures to which he referred. His hands moved with the swiftness of familiarity over the pages.

"And can the children draw their money out of the School Savings Bank whenever they wish?" I asked.  
"Certainly; why not?" replied Mr. Thiry. "The system is just like any other banking system. There is no difference. The deposits are made on Mondays. Girls and boys give their money to their teachers once a week, early in the morning, before the class has been called to order."

**Adopted Stamp System.**  
"Before this idea was incorporated in any way in the Manhattan schools I had numerous and long conferences with public officials, with the result that the English system of giving stamps for the amount of money deposited was adopted. Now almost any day at the building at Twenty-third street and Fourth avenue, which is practically devoted to children's interests, may be seen a line of little ones before a window, where for their five-cent deposit they get a book, which may be exchanged for a dollar book, and so on as the account grows."

"But how, when you first started it, did you think the system would benefit the children?" I queried.  
"Principles inculcated into the character work silently," Mr. Thiry answered. "We can only judge of their worth in the completed life. But one thing is sure: the orderly processes of wage-earning are fundamental to prosperity, whether of the individual or the nation."

**A Work-a-Day World.**  
"This is a work-a-day world, wherein the law of toil makes the winning of a livelihood by the masses a daily task. 'You cannot begin to teach the child too early. An metal is poured into the child's mind from the moment of a statue, as the final form is fixed when the metal is settled and cooled, so in children and youth are cast the impressions and attitudes that establish the life of after years.'"

"Thirty-five years ago I sold out my business in New York and retired," continued Mr. Thiry. "and directly following my retirement I began taking an interest in educational matters, an interest which was at first largely personal. Just at that time cigarettes were coming into vogue and I found that my boys were taking an unwelcome interest in the little corner store where chewing gum, candies and cigarettes were sold. I did not mind my children buying candies, a reasonable amount of them, because I think they are good for children. But when they gave them five or ten cents and they spent the entire amount without a thought of the value of the five cents or the ten cents, I began to understand there was something wrong in my teaching at home or in the teaching of the schools the children attended. I saw other children doing the same thing."

**Found a Solution.**  
"Finally, after much thought, I found what I have ever since believed to be the solution of the problem. I mean the school savings bank. It became a member of the School Commission and directly began to exert my influence toward the establishment of banks in the Long Island City schools. I visited all these institutions and explained my idea to the children and the teachers. I emphasized the fact that the bank was to be an aid and not a burden."  
"The idea instantly appealed to the boys and girls and the teachers and School Commission as well. The children were especially enthusiastic. Their parents were more than willing to fall in with the plan. It even stimulated industry among the children, and they were anxious to perform the little chores about the house, which they had previously shirked, for the sake of the amount it might add to their bank account."

"Since the institution of the School Savings Bank in Long Island City 115 cities have adopted the system," concluded Mr. Thiry. "Four new ones have been started in New York City. There is the encouragement of Mr. Maxwell's suggestion before the Board of Education. There must have been some merit in the idea for it to have grown so rapidly."



JOHN HENRI THIRY

## AGED LOCHINVAR FIGHTS FOR BRIDE 78 YEARS YOUNG

H. M. Ongley Resists Efforts  
of Kinsfolk to Prove Elop-  
ing Bride Is Insane.

"Many persons are inclined to hold that the marriage of penniless youngsters is wrong, but here is a case of two persons of mature years and large discretion, with plenty of money, and yet they want to make out our marriage as a terrible sin," was the indignant comment of Henry H. Ongley today on the action brought by George Scott, a well known yachtsman, to have a committee appointed for the person and property of his sister, now Mrs. Eleanor Scott Ongley, who, her brother says, is seventy-eight years old.

Mr. Ongley, who is connected with the Tax Department, was vehement in denying that his wife was as old as her friends claim. His white mustache bristled with his anger as he declared that Mrs. Ongley is only a year or two older than himself. "And I am only sixty-three," he added.

They eloped, these ardent lovers, and were made one on Dec. 21 by the Rev. George S. Bennett of Grace Church, Jersey City, which they had hastened to avoid interference.

Mr. Ongley was torn by emotion when he was seen today at his home, No. 215 Madison avenue, Flushing. Mrs. Ongley could not be seen. By advice of counsel, she denied herself to strangers, and a physician had been summoned into the house to test her sanity.

"We will fight the case to the last ditch, you may be sure," said Mr. Ongley. "My wife is as sane as I am. Mr. Scott is actuated merely by a desire to interfere and meddle with his sister's affairs. What does he want? He has inherited \$200,000 from his father's estate, and has an income of \$15,000 a year. Isn't that enough for him?"

The romance, whose happy ending is threatened by the courts, began in London thirty years ago, while Ongley's father was the British Minister to Persia, stationed at Teheran. There were clandestine meetings and talk of elopement. Their plans were frustrated by Mrs. Scott, who rushed her daughter back to America. The young people plighted eternal fidelity, and Miss Scott remained true to her pledge through all the years. Ongley married and raised a family, all of whom are now grown up. Mrs. Scott died fifteen years ago, leaving her daughter a spinster. A year ago Mrs. Ongley died. Then the old love was kindled anew.

Yesterday George Scott applied to Supreme Court Justice Clarke, in Brooklyn, for a commission to his sister's person and property, estimated at \$200,000, and a temporary order restraining the Title Guarantee and Trust Company, which has \$300,000 of Mrs. Ongley's property in its custody, from permitting her to spend more than \$250 until Jan. 8, when the application will be disposed of, was issued.

**DEAD BABY GIRL FOUND  
AT SALOON SIDE DOOR.**

Little One Had Been Strangled Before Its Body Was Placed in Vestibule.

Fred Morris, bartender in the saloon of Charles P. Bias at No. 322 Second avenue, found today the body of a girl baby wrapped in newspapers in the side entrance of the saloon on Fifty-third street. A baby's undershirt was tied around her neck. She had been strangled to death.

Morris notified Policeman Dietrich of the Fourth avenue station, who assigned Dr. Cook of the New York Hospital. The doctor said the baby had been dead several hours.

Morris said that when he reached the saloon at 5 o'clock there was no bundle in the vestibule of the side entrance. An hour later he went to the side entrance and found the bundle.

Brooklyn Headquarters detectives are working on the case.

## CAPTAIN NAMES CORPORAL IN HIS SUIT FOR DIVORCE

Eben of Co. E, 71st, Declares  
Wife Preferred Chevron to  
Shoulder Strap.

SHE SUED AND LOST.

In Mean Time Carruthers's  
Spouse Asks Court to Put  
Him in Alimony Club.

William Keene Carruthers, automobile dealer and a corporal of Company E, Seventy-first New York Regiment, is today threatened with membership in the Alimony Club. Mrs. Orlean Carruthers has obtained a legal separation from him, but he has failed to pay the \$35 a week alimony granted, and she has an application before Justice Page to adjudge him in contempt of court.

Closely identified with this case are the marital infidelities of Capt. James Eben, also of Company E, Seventy-first Regiment, who is suing Mrs. Helen Weiler Eben for absolute divorce, alleging that she has shown too much affection for Corporal William Keene Carruthers.

Some of those acquainted with the affair say that Mrs. Carruthers first coupled the names of her husband and Mrs. Eben for the edification of Col. Bates. An investigation led to the conclusion that Mrs. Carruthers was laboring under a delusion. But now, it is said, Col. Bates holds charges against Carruthers, one involving his acquaintance with Mrs. Eben, another concerning his continued absence from regimental duty.

**Mrs. Eben Asked Divorce.**

Soon after Mrs. Carruthers got her separation Mrs. Eben asked for a divorce. She said her husband had deserted her last June, and had driven her and their child, seven years old, from the Eben apartment, No. 84 West End avenue. She asked for \$50 a week alimony and \$500 counsel fees. She has alleged since that Capt. Eben's income is \$20,000 a year, of which he spends \$5,000. He has offices at No. 76 William street, and is treasurer of the Shelter Island Heights Association and the Eastern Ice Company, managing director of the Shelter Island and Greenport Ferries Company and proprietor of the Prospect House at Shelter Island.

Capt. Eben fought the suit, and his wife lost. Then he sued for divorce. George S. Lewis of No. 27 William street was appointed referee. Eben testified he had met Carruthers two years before when he joined Company E. They became fast friends. When Carruthers was made a corporal Eben asked him home to dinner.

**Names Law Student, Too.**

Capt. Eben says he had to be at the Seventy-first Army every Tuesday night, but Carruthers, a "non-com," was free to stay away, so he passed every Tuesday evening in Mrs. Eben's society. Finally she confessed that Carruthers had won her heart, the captain avers, so Eben left her. He asserts she and Carruthers went to the 601 West One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street. Soon Carruthers disappeared.

Capt. Eben makes the further charge that his wife became very friendly with Luigi Muscolino, a law student at Columbia University, and arranged with him a code of signals by which the youth could learn whether the captain was at home. Eben avers that his wife grew fond of cocktails, and sometimes appeared before her men acquaintances in very sumptuous apparel.

Mrs. Eben is living with her sister in No. 503 West One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street. In her answer to the suit she accuses her husband of unmanly habits.

When Carruthers disappeared his wife made search for him through her attorney, L. L. Platt, No. 261 Broadway.

**Adventure in Quakertown.**  
"I found him in Philadelphia," said Platt. "He was trying to break into society, posing as a single man and paying attention to Miss Marie Heppelheimer, who moved in the best Philadelphia society. Her brother Harry became suspicious. Her brother Harry became suspicious. He searched into Carruthers's antecedents and learned of his marriage. Vetterlein told me he threatened to shoot Carruthers unless he left Philadelphia, which he did."

Mrs. Eben was so infuriated at Carruthers, it is said, that she refused to see him when he returned from Philadelphia, begging forgiveness.

Platt said Carruthers had called to see him several times and promised to pay alimony if his wife would sue for a divorce. She refused to grant the request.

"That would give him altogether too much freedom," he explained from New London, Conn., to her attorney. "The separation is good enough for me."

## TRUST COMPANY FAILS.

Its President, Ex-Congressman Rixey, Reported Ill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation, with a paid up capital stock of \$500,000 and an authorized capital stock of \$1,000,000, closed its doors at Alexandria, Va., yesterday. Receivers were appointed to take charge of its affairs. The application was signed by all the directors and stockholders, except the President, ex-Representative C. J. Rixey, who is ill.

The news came as a surprise in banking circles. The bank had been assigned for liquidation is that the business could no longer be profitably conducted.

Judge J. K. M. Norton, one of the receivers, said the depositors would not lose anything.

Roosevelt Gives Gold Pieces.

Theodore Roosevelt wished a happy New Year to fifty employees in the United Charities Building yesterday by sending around a roll of \$5 gold pieces.

## Captain in the 71st and Wife From Whom He Seeks Divorce



Mrs. JAMES EBEN

## LUCKY GOOSEBERRY CAN TAKE HIS ZEN TO SOCIABLE NOW

Dusky Hued Gentleman from  
South Ca'lina Finds a Silk  
Skirt for Her.

## WOMAN, 90, LOST AT RIVER'S EDGE, FORGETS NAME

Victim of Aphasia, Bellevue  
Doctors Say—Book Shows  
Big Bank Account.

An old woman, her little black hat and black gown soaked with rain and bespattered with mud, staggered along the edge of North River at 1 o'clock this morning mumbling quietly to herself:

"I wish I could get home. I wish I could get home."

"Where is your home, mother?" asked Policeman Derleth of the West Twentieth street station as she approached him at the foot of West Fourteenth street.

"I don't know," replied the little old woman. "I am lost. I am hungry and tired. I have been lost since yesterday morning. I can't remember my name or my home address. I don't even know the name of a friend."

At Bellevue Hospital, where the woman was taken in a patrol wagon, the doctors said she was at least ninety years old. In the pocket of her gown, which was of good material, was found a bankbook on the Harlem Savings Bank, made out in the name of Elizabeth Heppelheimer. The book showed that the last deposit, made in October, was \$2,250. There also were other deposits of large sums.

The doctors said the old woman was suffering from aphasia and senility.

**Jap Warships at China.**  
AMOI, China, Dec. 30.—The third squadron of the Japanese navy arrived here today. It is commanded by Admiral Kawashima, whose flagship is the cruiser Tsushima.

**Rare Ruin Burn.**  
BOKHARA, Central Asia, Dec. 30.—The immensely valuable collection of rugs belonging to the Amir of Bokhara was burned yesterday. Several attendants perished in the flames.

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ad me if he had known I was a Winston, South Ca'lina, Gooseberry. For I is. That is my bony feely name, yar, yar.

"Let me tell you how come it I had this here silk dress. I done found it on the sidewalk, yassir. I was walking along with my head cast down grieving because I couldn't take Zen to the sociable Saturday night."

"Who is Zen?" asked the Court.  
"My lady friend, may it please Your Honor," said Mr. Gooseberry with a gallant bow to deprecate the bringing of the name of a lady into incongruous surroundings. "Miss Zenobia Johnson. She had just done told me she couldn't go to no sociable without a silk dress. 'I finds this here fine dress lying right in my tracks, and I jumps and shouts 'Glory! Happy land! Zen and me can go to the sociable.' And then the police gentleman come along with his unkind suspectibilities and it's all off."

Donahue said he had not found out to whom the dress belonged before it came into Mr. Gooseberry's possession.

"Mr. Gooseberry," said the Court, "You may go free. And if no owner appears for this dress you may still get it and go to the party with your Zen."



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